

1,250 participate in band tournament

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PAYSON — The 11th Nebo Tournament of Bands brought nearly 1,250 band participants from around the state of Utah and from Elko, Nev. Wednesday.

Performing to a standing-room-only, stadium spectators cheered the bands for their precision and formations. The 10 high school bands were divided into Class A and Open Divisions and were judged on field patterns, general

effect, and musical performance.

In the Class A Division, Alta took outstanding attached unit. Outstanding drum major went to Sherry Shosted of West High School. Outstanding musical performance was a tie awarded to West and Springville high schools. Overall performance winners were: first place, Springville; second place, West Jordan; third place, Alta; fourth place, Elko; fifth place, West; and sixth place, Spanish Fork.

In the Open Class Competition, the awards were given to Anissa Buxton of Mountain Crest High for Outstanding Drum Major. Sweepstakes, outstanding attached units and outstanding music performance were all awarded to Mountain Crest from Hyrum. First place was awarded to Skyview from Cache County; second to American Fork, and Payson was awarded third. Payson performed for the first time in the open class division.

Payson hosted the Nebo Tournament. "I felt it went very well," said Jerry Chatwin, host and Payson High band leader. "The competition was stiff and the schools were good. The judges were impressed with the quality the Utah high school bands displayed. I thought Payson did well being up against the bigger bands."

The judges were recruited from around Utah and California.

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